

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-16 (cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) Method for producing a glutamine-rich gluten-free peptide preparation from gluten protein, comprising the steps of:

- a) enzymatically hydrolysing gluten using one or more proteases to obtain a hydrolysate;
- b) acidifying the hydrolysate to a pH between 4 and 5; and
- c) filtering the hydrolysate to obtain the glutamine-rich gluten-free peptide preparation as the filtrate.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the proteases are alkaline or neutral proteases.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the pH is between 4.2 and 4.8.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the pH is between 4.5 and 4.7.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein proteases are used that are active at a pH above 6.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein between step b) and c) the enzymes are inactivated.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the enzymes are inactivated by means of heat.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the gluten is wheat gluten.

25. (Previously Presented) A peptide preparation prepared from gluten protein, which is glutamine-rich and gluten-free and obtainable by a method as claimed in claim 17.

26. (Previously Presented) The peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25, wherein the gluten from which the preparation is made is wheat gluten.

27. (Previously Presented) The peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 for use as an ingredient in glutamine peptide tablets.

28. (Previously Presented) The peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 for use as an ingredient in glutamine peptide liquid beverages.

29. (Previously Presented) The peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 for use as an ingredient in glutamine peptide enteral nutrition.

30. (Previously Presented) Glutamine peptide tablets comprising the usual carriers, diluents and excipients for tablets and a peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 as glutamine peptide source.

31. (Previously Presented) A glutamine peptide liquid beverage comprising ingredients for beverages and a peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 as glutamine peptide source.

32. (Previously Presented) A glutamine peptide enteral nutrition comprising carriers, diluents and excipients for enteral nutrition and a peptide preparation as claimed in claim 25 as glutamine peptide source.

33. (New) A glutamin-rich gluten-free peptide preparation, comprising an enzymatic hydrolysate of gluten protein from which the protein fragments that cause hypersensitivity in coeliac patients have been removed.